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Review finds that rifle left in car not a crime

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Criminal charges may be off the table but that doesn't mean it's back to patrol for the Calgary police Const. Stephen Baker.

Baker came under public scrutiny April 4, 2015 after a patrol rifle was stolen from his personal vehicle while he was in a northwest restaurant. He had reportedly taken the weapon and case, with two magazines holding 28 rounds of ammunition, home to clean while off duty.

An investigation was carried out by the Calgary Police Service Professional Standards Section, which included a review of all the evidence by the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team. On Monday, the Edmonton Crown prosecutor's office said no charges were warranted.

Howard Burns, president of the police association, said he's not surprised Baker wasn't charged, but noted this isn't the end of the road for the constable.

"Officers in the execution of their duty are exempt from normal storage laws of firearms," Burns said. "The point that I would make, the public has to realize that that's the criminal portion of this that's over. He still faces the internal disciplinary portion."

At the time, police said he never should have taken that type of weapon home, and noted his career could be in jeopardy.

"I would anticipate that you'll see a tightening of the internal policy surrounding the storage and transport of those types of weapons," Burns said. "In this case these C8 rifles were a fairly recent addition to the police service, our policy was a bit behind."

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COMMUNITY HEALTH

Every 'hood has different walkability: Researcher

Helen Pike
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Where can you walk from your home to get a carton of milk? Whether you live in Auburn Bay or the Beltline your answer is probably pretty different.

Step Forward, the city's latest strategic plan, gives recommendations on how to turn the city from a car-dependent metropolis to a walkable urban centre. And according to a group of University of Calgary researchers the culprits behind walkability lie in the type of neighbourhood you live in.

Bev Sandalack, a researcher with Urban Lab at the University, said her group has been studying walkability in the City of Calgary for seven years. It has broken down the city in terms of three different neighbourhood types: grid, mid-century design and curvilinear neighbourhoods.

"The grid neighbourhoods, there's an average of 3.68 square kilometres that somebody living in that neighbourhood has access to, in a curvilinear, it's about half that," said Sandalack. "That's really quite significant that there's that difference."

Sandalack also said it's not just about accessible distance for pedestrians, but also the quality of the walk. Looking at the neighbourhoods again and scoring the walk quality the scores were similar, higher for grids and lower for curvilinear.

In 2013, Urban Labs counted roughly 45 grid neighbourhoods, 55 mid-century designs and 75 curvilinear builds. All of which Coun. Druh Farrell said would take an astronomical, almost impossible, amount of money to retrofit.

Individual communities have different street styles — grid, mid-century or curvilinear — affecting walkability. METRO FILE

Farrell said it's been a city goal to get away from the curvilinear neighbourhoods, which encourage driving instead of walking.

> **We've seen a shift in the last couple of years to more ... connected neighbourhoods.**
> Coun. Druh Farrell

"It is a stated goal, and we've done an abysmal job – up until very recently," said Farrell. "

"We've seen a shift in the last couple of years to more grid-like structure, so more connected neighbourhoods…a huge part our city is new and we haven't even been requiring sidewalks on both sides."

Even Eau Claire, a community full of pedestrians and cyclists, has inconsistent sidewalk coverage, according to Farrell.

The Complete Streets policy, which came into play Mar. 31, 2015, now mandates certain design practices for developers.

In the city's report, Calgary ranks 18 out of 20 cities with a walkability score of 47.9 out of 100, a score generated by Walk Score. That mark slides Calgary just into the car-dependent part of the scale.

But the folks at Urban Lab have developed walkability scores focusing on a neighbourhood rather than the city as a whole. To that end, Sandalack said the city's Walk Scores aren't particularly accurate.

"It doesn't account for things like rivers, or Glenmore Reservoir, or Deerfoot or Crowchild, or something that's a real barrier," Sandalack said.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Shakeup of city's admin

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's city administration is getting a shakeup, but one councillor says the change is for the best.

In a news release Monday, the city said it will create a new corporate initiative called Infrastructure Calgary, which will oversee capital spending across all departments, and help prioritize projects.

There will also be a new urban strategy to enhance development of the downtown core, strategic management of city-owned real estate, and enhanced delivery of affordable housing.

Coun. Ward Sutherland said changes will occur at the leadership and management levels, and help address a backlog of capital projects worth $8 billion.

"None of these are make-work projects," he said. "These are infrastructure project that have been on the books."

He said some management positions may be eliminated, although other councillors Metro spoke with did not have that same understanding.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the changes allow the city to manage the cyclical economy.

"Together these steps will help maintain citizen satisfaction, provide a high quality of life and support a vibrant, healthy, well-managed city," said the mayor in a news release.

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Anonymous members in Calgary have been roaming the streets weekly, reaching out to Calgary's homeless and pointing them toward resources. ANONYMOUS / SUBMITTED

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Anonymous Calgary reaching out

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Anonymous — the activist collective that is famous for computer hacking — has a campaign to help the homeless in Calgary.

Dubbed OPsafewinter, the operation is part of a national movement that has Anonymous members approaching the homeless to offer assistance and resources.

While members do value anonymity, it isn't that hard to get in touch with the collective. A message on Facebook received a response within minutes.

The woman who answered the phone said Anonymous has been helping the homeless for over a year by heading out once a week.

"We're a roaming group," she said. "We take gloves, socks, gift cards, maybe a couple of sandwiches and drinks — we take that out to the people for immediate concerns."

The woman said Anonymous's main goal is to help homeless people get in touch with stable resources that are able to provide better care, such as YYC Helping Homeless.

She said it's more a hand up than a handout, and it's helping people get off the street.

> **"We all have the same mask — we're all showing we're all ... one.**
> Anonymous member

The woman on the phone said she recently stressed the importance of the masks to other members.

"Since we started, people haven't been wearing their masks and I kind of put my foot down this week and said, 'This is an Anonymous event, we need to start wearing our masks more often.'"

She said once members start interacting with people on a more personal level, they will take off their masks.

After a 15-minute conversation, the woman provided another phone number, where a man answered the phone.

He explained that OPsafewinter is an offshoot of the larger Calgary Anonymous collective. While OPsafewinter has about 12 regular participants, the Calgary Anonymous collective has several thousand members.

The man said Anonymous has some money it gets through donations, and OPsafewinter is able to access those funds to buy things such as socks and gloves.

The man said having a collective instead of formal organization is important, because it prevents any one member from going on a power trip.

"The mask really reflects that," he said. "We all have the same mask — we're all showing we're all relatively equal and one."

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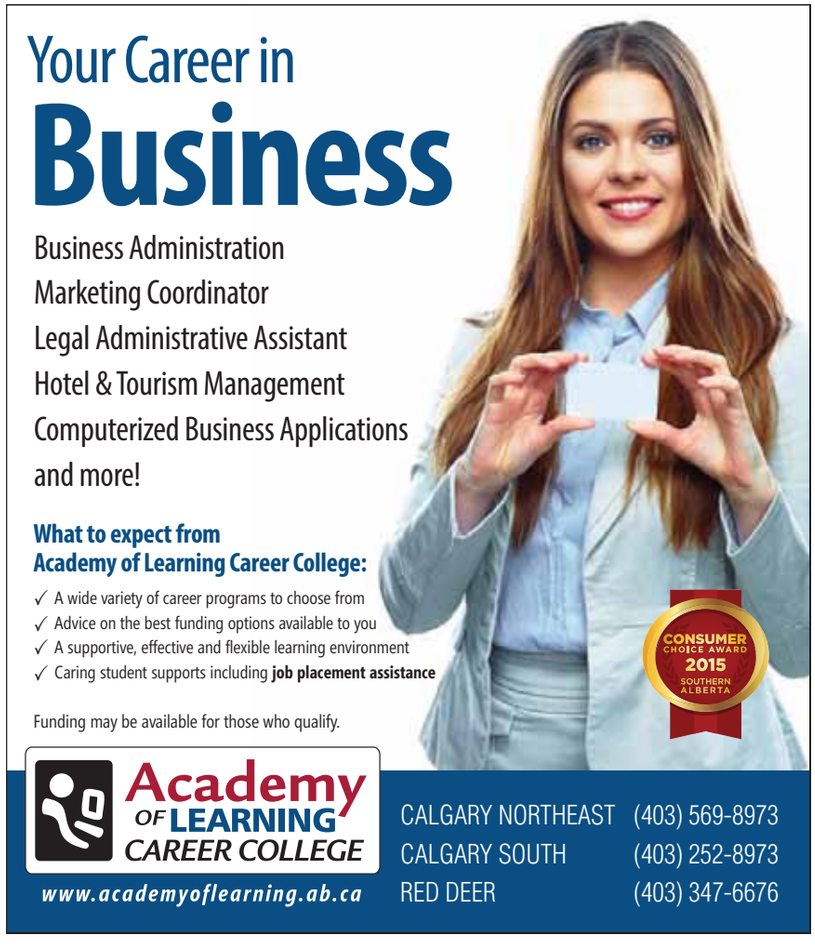
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IN BRIEF

Credit outlook for Alberta adjusted to negative

Alberta's Finance Minister Joe Ceci says Alberta's core spending plan remains in place despite another blow Monday to the province's credit outlook.

"The important programs and services that Albertans rely on and that we ran on, we believe it's important to keep those in place," Ceci told reporters at Government House.

Ceci was responding to the bond rating agency Moody's announcing Monday it is shifting its outlook for Alberta to negative from stable while retaining the province's triple-A rating.

In December, the rating agency Standard and Poor's downgraded Alberta's rating to double-A-plus from triple-A.

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Province could face skilled labour shortage

Alberta could face a shortage of skilled labour despite layoffs in the oilpatch unless companies and governments keep training new workers, an industry group warns.

BuildForce Canada is projecting a loss of 31,000 construction jobs due to the downturn in the oilsands over the next four years, with many of those people heading to other provinces.

"A skills vacuum is a real risk with the exodus of interprovincial workers within and outside the resource industry," Rosemary Sparks, the group's executive director, said Monday.

The effects of the sputtering energy sector are expected to ripple out to residential and non-residential construction, she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Advocate calls out board's lack of policy

LGBTQ RIGHTS

A motion to discuss policy at meeting did not pass

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) didn't pass a motion at the Friday meeting to discuss policy on creating safe environments for LGBTQ students — and now a transgender advocate is saying they're avoiding talking about the issue.

"This was the third try to have the ASBA stand up and actually say something about a policy," said Marni Panas.

Panas referred to the fall general meeting of the ASBA in November, where a motion to discuss creating a policy did not meet the minimum support to make the floor. She also reference a similar motion in 2012, which was also defeated.

On Jan. 13, Education Minister David Eggen released a set of guidelines for school boards across the province to use when creating individual board policies — with a deadline of March 31 to submit those policies to Alberta Education.

But Panas said it's important for the ASBA to have a policy of their own.

"Because, right now, without a policy, without any statement whatsoever, they don't have to speak to it, they don't have to address it and they don't have to be accountable to it," she said. "Then they're not there to support the 61 school boards that all send money to the ASBA to be part of it."

Helen Clease, president of the ASBA, said the organization exists to support the boards, not to mandate policy to them.

"We firmly believe they're elected by their communities to serve their communities," she said. "They're in a really good position to develop policy that makes sense and will support the kids in their communities."

Clease said the guidelines will be a tool in their belt to help support boards in creating their own policies.

When questioned whether a provincewide policy would be more beneficial than individual policies last week, Minister Eggen said individual school boards are elected to develop policy for their respective geographical areas.

"It's not unlike another circumstance where you have the letter of the law, as outlined in the school act, then individual jurisdictions are developing the policy for implementation."

Panas said, in light of recent backlash on the guidelines from some Albertans, including a Calgary bishop, the ASBA should create a policy to show leadership.

Education Minister David Eggen released a 21-page guideline last week for Alberta school boards to use when drafting individual school policies. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

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> Marni Panas

HEALTH CANADA

Naloxone could be available by spring

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Mary Ann Zamko wishes naloxone was prescription-free long before fentanyl claimed her daughter's life.

On Friday, Health Canada said naloxone — a medication that aids in reversing the symptoms of opioid overdose — could become prescription-free by spring, according to a government statement. The prescription use of naloxone would specifically be for emergency use for opioid overdoses outside hospital settings, Health Canada added.

Currently, parents can't obtain naloxone for their fentanyl-addicted kids due to Health Canada's classification system.

"I wish (the change) could have been made long ago," Zamko said. "I think that the government is making good progress. I believe that this will save many unwanted deaths."

From Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, there were 213 overdose deaths associated with fentanyl in the province. To tackle the crisis, Alberta Health has been working with the federal government to remove the prescription barrier for naloxone. Health Canada said it has considered changing the labelling of naloxone. Training would also be required for those who'd likely administer the drug.

But making naloxone available to family members of addicts doesn't go far enough to squelch the crisis, Zamko said.

"We can't just stop at making naloxone free," she said. "There has to be more education about the effects of using. (Learning) needs to start in elementary school."

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Choir group play city soon and Big Apple later this year

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Save for the dancing, this acoustic-beatbox blend is much like Pitch Perfect.

And it has a New York twist.

Calgary's Revv52 is heading to the newly-opened Bella Concert Hall on the Mount Royal University campus this week, using the theatre's top-notch acoustics to perform Unplugged, an ode to New York. Why New York? Well, Revv52 will play at NYC's renowned Carnegie Hall later this year.

"The group is jacked to go to New York City," said Brian Farrell, Revv52's artistic director. "It's a great learning experience — musicians can embrace an opportunity to perform at one of the greatest halls in the world."

Calgary's hit choir group is heading to the Big Apple in March.
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That's not to say the Bella should be discounted, Farrell added. "The experience of going into this new hall will be extraordinary," he said. "It's magnificent — there was so much research on the sound (at the Bella). It's breathtaking."

Revv52 teamed up with music producer and director Deke Sharon to showcase Unplugged in New York. Sharon is considered the mastermind behind Pitch Perfect and the Sing-Off.

And though it will be stripped down, Revv52 plans to spice things up with local and Canadian Beat Box Champion Peter Pot.

> **The experience of going into this new hall will be extraordinary.**
> Brian Farrell, Revv52's artistic director on playing at the Bella Concert Hall

"It'll be cool," Farrell said. "The music jumps." Farrell, who's been Revv52's artistic director since 1995, said it's important to constantly change things up to keep the music fresh.

"I feel like it keeps me young," he said. "You want to keep setting the bar higher. You want to look beyond what you've done. That challenges the group, but many would never stay around if we kept it the same."

The ensemble will perform at the Bella on Jan. 21, 22 and 23, recreating the sounds of Billy Joel, Fun, and Carly Simon. Tickets are still available online at revv52.com.

HEALTH SERVICES

Alberta midwives' fund boost unlikely

Though nothing has been firmly decided, it seems Alberta midwives won't be able to expand their services to more families seeking their care.

On Friday, the Alberta Association of Midwives (AAM) met with Alberta Health Services (AHS) to negotiate a new service agreement.

But according to AAM President Nicole Matheseon, nothing really came from the meeting — AHS is still determining how it plans to spend its dollars.

2,775

The number of families in Alberta that received care from midwives in 2015.

When Metro questioned AHS about the meeting and its budget, the health authority said it respects the confidentiality of the contract agreement process, adding the negotiations will occur at the negotiating table.

Matheson said it's disappointing midwives won't be able to help more families when the new contract is signed.

"We will work towards meeting with the Health Minister and AHS to have a better funding model," she said. "We want to increase midwifery access to women and save taxpayers' dollars."

It's believed midwifery saves about $1,200 per course of care for the health system, according to an Alberta study conducted in 2010.

Michelle Maisonville, president of the Maternity-Care Consumers of Alberta Network, also said the AAM's meeting with AHS was disappointing. "We're frustrated," she said. "The wait-list is going to continue to grow, and it's time to have a long-term contract."

AAM is scheduled to meet with AHS again in February, and its current service contract expires in March.

JEREMY SIMES/METRO

CRIME

Former grow-op goes up in flames

The Calgary Fire Department is asking for the public's help regarding a former drug den that caught fire Sunday night in the city's northwest.

At 7:30 p.m. Sunday, fire crews responded to reports of a house fire on Arbour Stone Close NW.

On scene, firefighters found a boarded up, abandoned home with a security fence around the perimeter. Firefighters were able to contain the blaze without damage to surrounding properties, officials said.

On Oct. 23, 2014, the home was searched by the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) as part of a grow-op investigation, the organization confirmed.

During that operation, 842 marijuana plants — worth about $1 million — were seized.

Fire investigators said the home's utilities were disconnected prior to the fire, adding it's asking the public for any information regarding the incident before fire crews arrived on scene.

Information may include any vehicles that were pulled over to the side of northbound Stoney Trail — between Crowchild Trail and Country Hills Boulevard — at around 7:25 p.m. Information can be sent to piofire@calgary.ca.

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For more individuals the data collection takes about three weeks.

An online census begins April 1 and the census takers will hit the remaining homes who didn't participate in the online version.

Applicants will be placed as they apply.

Visit calgary.ca/census for more information.

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The city's transportation department has been answering tweets from the Ready To Engage group, which opposes a planned bus rapid transit route along 14th Street SW. METRO FILE

City fighting critics' tweets with tweets

TRANSPORTATION

Department engages with BRT opponents online

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The City of Calgary's transportation department is firing back in the Twitterverse at a group opposed to a transit development in SW Calgary.

Emma Stevens, communications strategist with transportation, said the department has a twitter account — @yyctransport — that normally sends out information about road closures, construction, or open houses.

In the past few days the account has also been responding to tweets from the Ready to Engage group — @ready2engageyyc.

"I think we're responding on this one because with the southwest transitway, there's a lot of misinformation," she said. "We're interacting with them directly to clarify some of that."

Rick Donkers, spokesperson for Ready to Engage said the group has noted the replies to their tweets and sees the response as a sign that the city is beginning to take them seriously.

"We're starting to attract their ear," said Donkers. "A couple weeks ago their tactic was to write us off as a small group of NIMBYs."

Stevens said there were three items that project planners wanted to address head on in the tweets.

One is the concern that park space may be used to build infrastructure. Stevens said no parkland will be used, and the city will build new lanes and bus stops on existing right-of-way.

She said parks will not be used as parking lots either. She said the southwest transitway will not have park and ride facilities. They expect people will walk to their nearest bus stop.

Finally, she said the main bus shelters will not be very large. She said they will be bigger than a bus shelter, and will have amenities of an LRT station such as arrival times and security cameras, but will not have footprints that sit on parkland.

Donkers said despite the city's responses, the group still has plenty of questions, and feels the city hasn't been forthcoming with all the info they've requested.

"I've looked at the Woodbine terminus," said Donkers. "How are you going to turn around an articulated bus using just the right of way?"

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Minister cagey on using public cash for NHL rink

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Larivee says she 'hasn't shut the door' on concept

Alberta's municipal affairs minister says she's not inclined to use taxpayer money for a new professional sports complex in Calgary, but she's not closing the door either.

Danielle Larivee says she wants to see how the numbers and projections play out on the project.

"I'm watching it with interest and waiting to see if they decide it's a more viable project going ahead, and we"ll see what they ask for," Larivee said Monday. "As the specifics come to light, then we can talk about it.

"I don't know that I'm leaning really strongly in that direction (to contribute public money), but I have not shut the door on that."

The proposed public-private partnership would see an $890-million downtown sports centre with a new rink for the NHL Calgary Flames and a new stadium for the CFL Calgary Stampeders.

The city is currently crunching numbers with a report due this spring.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, in Calgary last week, urged the city to get moving on the project. He said lack of an updated hockey arena could cost Calgary the chance to hold events such as the league's draft and its all-star game.

A Zamboni floods the Saddledome ice. A proposed public-private effort could mean a new arena. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **I'm watching ... We'll see what they ask for.**
> Danielle Larivee

Bettman's comments drew a sarcastic response from Calgary Mayor Naheed Neshi, who said: "I know that Calgarians require very wealthy people from New York to come and tell us what we need to do in our community, because they understand vibrancy better than we do."

The city will continue a thorough analysis of the numbers, the mayor said.

The proposal is for the project to be funded through a $250-million ticket tax, a $240-million community revitalization levy, $200 million from Calgary Flames Sports and Entertainment and $200 million from city taxpayers.

The complex would include a 20,000-seat arena and a 30,000-seat football stadium.

The Scotiabank Saddledome, built in 1983, is one of the oldest arenas in the National Hockey League.

In Edmonton, a new 18,641-seat downtown arena where the Oilers will play is to be ready this fall for the 2016-17 NHL season.

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RED DEER/CALGARY

Police joint op busts two

Red Deer RCMP and Calgary police have made a major dent in trafficking and organized crime though a joint investigation, carrying out search warrants in both cities.

During searches of five homes, police seized $14,400 in cash, 400 grams of drugs, body armour containing a ceramic plate, nine guns and 12,159 rounds of ammunition.

The investigation began in March 2015 when Calgary police received a tip about ongoing drug activity, according to a news release.

Police noted the crimes were connected to the Red Deer area.

In October 2015, Red Deer RCMP general investigations and the Priority Crimes Task Force began their own investigation, after receiving information about drug activity.

It soon became clear RCMP and Calgary officers were investigating the same suspects, according to the release.

In November, the two police forces combined resources to support each other's efforts and share their knowledge of the crime. The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) also assisted with the case.

Shawn Barry Steier, 30, and Wayant Donald Chapin, 37, have been taken into custody.

Both men face multiple charges, including possession of unlicensed weapons and stolen property.

Chapin also faces drug trafficking charges.

METRO

One of 5 simple ways to end the stigma around mental illness.

It's not always easy to know how to break the stigma associated with mental illness. Mental health experts suggest 5 easy ways you can help. Here's one way.

Listen and ask

Be wary of giving advice. People with a mental illness don't want to hear that they're "just going through a bad patch" or that they should remember they have a lot to be happy about. It's like telling someone with heart disease they need to snap out of it. Ask and listen to what they have to say about their illness.

Michael Landsberg

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A 120-year-old's birthday wish

MILESTONE

One of oldest persons alive yearning to meet Trudeau

Cicilia Laurent is a woman who has lived in three centuries, from before the discovery of human flight to Haiti's devastating earthquake in the new millennium.

To mark her birth on Jan. 31, 1896 — something that, if verified, would make her the second-oldest person ever — Madame Laurent would like nothing more than to meet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"Will he come see me?" she asked last weekend. "I would be so happy. Before I die I would be so happy to meet him. I'm waiting and you can let me know if it's going to happen."

If the Liberal leader's audience is anything like Torstar News Service's recent visit with her, she will offer Trudeau, his wife and children lots of prayers for their health and wealth. He will also undoubtedly be invited to recite scripture, following Laurent's devout evangelical lead.

She will hold his hands, touch his face, laugh and share her contagious optimism in a tough-to-decipher Haitian Créole, translated into French by one of her children or grandchildren.

But one special request is certain. The woman who could pass for the matriarch of humanity would like special permission for her beloved grandsons in Haiti, Patrick and Joel, to come see her in Canada, possibly for the last time.

"You don't know how important they are for her," says Laurent's grandson, Ronald Cherri.

It is an achingly real wish in Laurent's dwindling world. One in which it is becoming harder to hear, harder to see and harder to recall what happened 10 years ago, 30 years ago or even a century ago.

The other ache is in her legs. After nearly six years in the country, they still flare up in the frigid winters, she said.

"I love Canada but it's the cold that I don't like. It's a great country."

Laval, just north of Montreal, has been home for Laurent since shortly after the deadly 2010 earthquake in Haiti. All around her, she recalled, houses crumbled and were flattened. Many neighbours and friends died.

So who is Cicilia Laurent? According to a 2005 document provided to Torstar News Service that is known as a late declaration of birth, she was born 120 years ago on Jan. 31 to Erzulie Laurent in the village of Pestel, about 300 kilometres west of Port-au-Prince.

Laurent now has trouble discerning how long ago things happened, but said some of her earliest memories are of making clothing and dolls.

"I still make them to this day," she said. "You just have to bring me some cotton and I can continue to make them."

Later in life, Laurent said she made a living selling in Port-au-Prince's markets.

"I sold all that I could find. I sold sugar and flour. All that I could find I resold," she said.

Cherri, her grandson, said Laurent gave birth to 12 children, six of whom survived childbirth. Three are still alive. Her eldest daughter, from a first marriage, died a few years ago at the age of about 96, Cherri said.

She says her secret is keeping an even keel, eating well and having faith in God.

But the proof of her extraordinary birth date is not solid enough for her to assume her title as the world's oldest living person, a crown currently worn by New York's Susannah Mushatt Jones, who has been verified by the Guinness World Records as being born on July 6, 1899, making her 116 years old.

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1 Cicilia Laurent at home in Laval, Que. Born in Haiti on January 31, 1896, Cicilia will turn 120 years old this year.
2 Cicilia and her great-grandson, Christian. 3 A photo of Cicilia when she was a young 112 years old.

> **I don't argue with anyone. I never get angry. I never fight. And I'm a Christian, so if someone is sick I pray for them.**
> Cicilia Laurent

OTTAWA CITY HALL

Sing us a song, Sophie

The audience for Martin Luther King Day at Ottawa City Hall got an unexpected bonus Monday when Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau offered an impromptu a cappella rendition of a song she wrote for her daughter.

The prime minister's wife was a guest speaker at the city's annual Martin Luther King Day event, but decided to go beyond simple remarks.

In a video clip posted on various media sites, Gregoire-Trudeau said she was inspired by singers earlier in the program and wanted to offer something of her own.

"It's not planned, trust me," she said.

"I am going to sing you a song that I wrote for my daughter Ella-Grace at a moment when I was going through a difficult time and where I remind myself of all the hope that there is in one's life and all the hope that there is in life."

She launched unaccompanied into the song, titled "Smile Back at Me."

Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau SCREENGRAB/YOUTUBE

When she finished the short, bluesy tune, she was rewarded with a standing ovation from the guests, including former prime minister Joe Clark.

Clark was on hand to receive the DreamKeepers lifetime achievement award.

Gregoire-Trudeau, meanwhile, is no stranger to singing on camera. In December, she and her husband recorded themselves singing "Jingle Bells" in a clip posted on YouTube. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **It's not planned, trust me.**
> Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau

IN BRIEF

Infrastructure will help economy: Morneau

As bad economic news rattles nerves on stock markets and in the oil patch, the Liberal government is determined to project a stay-the-course approach. Finance Minister Bill Morneau said the government is casting about for infrastructure projects that "will enhance the long-run productive capacity of the country."

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Housing bottlenecks halt acceptance of refugees

Vancouver and Ottawa, are taking a break from accepting any more government-assisted Syrian refugees as agencies in both cities try to work through housing bottlenecks. A surge of arrivals in the last month filled temporary housing to capacity.

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JUSTICE SYSTEM

Jury representation needs review: Expert

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

A renowned indigenous legal advocate hopes a court's dismissal of a challenge over representative juries in Alberta doesn't kill what she calls a "critically important" conversation.

In a decision made on Jan. 7 — and released this week — Court of the Queen's Bench of Alberta Justice B.R. Burrows dismissed an application by Jeremy Newborn, an indigenous man facing trial in April on second-degree murder charges.

Burrows' decision is a tough one to take for Muriel Stanley Venne, chair of the Aboriginal Commission on Human Rights and Justice, which intervenes in cases of discrimination in the justice system.

"It seems that part of the democratic process has been left out," she said of juries that try indigenous people in Alberta.

When it comes to indigenous people on them, "there isn't any," Stanley Venne said. "Who sits on the juries should be reviewed."

Newborn was charged in connection with a 2012 beating death on the LRT.

> **It seems that part of the democratic process has been left out.**
> Muriel Stanley Venne

Beginning in 2014, his lawyers challenged the court about the composition and fairness of the jury that's been assembled to try him.

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SCIENCE

New NASA satellite to track rise of sea level

NASA has launched a satellite into orbit that it says will be able to measure the rise in sea level across 95 per cent of the Earth's ice-free oceans and help scientists predict extreme weather events linked to global warming.

The Jason-3 satellite was launched aboard a rocket in California on Sunday and it will be fully operational after a six-month testing phase, the U.S. space agency said in a statement.

Joining its predecessor, Jason-2, launched in 2008, the satellite will track the height of the sea level, the speed and direction of ocean currents and tides, and collect information about solar energy stored in the ocean.

They will help climate specialists forecast the strength of extreme weather events, such as tropical cyclones, NASA said.

Jason Thistlethwaite, an assistant professor of business and environment at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, said the rise in sea level is "the greatest physical and economic threat from climate change."

"Reducing our uncertainty around the impacts of sea-level rise and extreme ocean weather will go a long way to reducing our vulnerability to the economic and social impacts of extreme events on our coastlines," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A young girl wades in the water where a kitchen once stood, as rising sea levels push into the waters of Senegal's Saloum Delta. JANE HAHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Germany: Sexual-assault suspect in custody

A 26-year-old Algerian man has become the first person arrested in connection with a string of sexual assaults during New Year's celebrations in Cologne that sparked a debate about Germany's ability to integrate migrants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

French president declares economic emergency

French President Francois Hollande pledged Monday to redefine France's business model and declared "a state of economic and social emergency," unveiling a $2.2-billion US plan to catch up to the global economy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BURKINA FASO

BUSINESSES REOPEN AMID BEEFED-UP SECURITY

A soldier stands guard outside the Splendid Hotel in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on Monday. In the wake of a weekend attack that killed up to 32 people, security was increased across the capital city as businesses and banks reopened. The nation also announced a joint effort with neighboring Mali in the fight against Islamic extremists in the West African region. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British parliament polarized on Trump

EUROPE

MPs slam U.S. presidential hopeful; most opposed to ban

Donald Trump doesn't have many fans in Britain's Parliament.

But a debate among lawmakers on calls to ban Trump from the country revealed little appetite to close Britain's doors to the provocative Republican U.S. presidential contender.

During a three-hour debate Monday, legislators from Britain's main parties stood to call Trump an attention-seeker, a demagogue and a fool. Many, though, argued that he should not be stifled or banned.

"While I think this man is crazy, while I think this man has no valid points to make, I will not be the one to silence his voice," said Conservative lawmaker Tom Tugendhat.

Parliament took up the topic after half a million people signed a petition calling for Trump to be excluded over his call for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the U.S. in the wake of extremist violence. Trump has also claimed that some areas of Britain are so radicalized that police fear for their lives.

> Donald Trump is a fool. He is free to be a fool. He is not free to be a dangerous fool on our shores.
>
> Jack Dromey, Labour Party member of parliament

Labour Party legislator Paul Flynn, who opened the session, said Trump had already received "far too much attention."

"The great danger by attacking this one man is that we can fix on him a halo of victimhood" and boost his popularity among supporters, Flynn said.

Prime Minister David Cameron has condemned Trump's remarks about Muslims as "divisive, stupid and wrong," but he and other senior officials have said they do not think Trump should be banned.

The government has the power to deny entry to people with criminal convictions or those whose presence is considered not "conducive to the public good." The power has been used against figures as diverse as boxer Mike Tyson, rapper Tyler the Creator, radical Muslim preachers and the late Christian fundamentalist Fred Phelps Sr. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Share Syrians' burden: UN

RELIEF

New refugee agency chief urges fairer help formula

The new chief of the UN refugee agency said Monday the world should find a fairer formula for sharing the burden of Syria's crisis, including taking in tens of thousands of refugees from overwhelmed regional host nations.

Filippo Grandi, who assumed his post earlier this month, heads an agency grappling with mounting challenges as Syria's five-year-old civil war drags on. Humanitarian aid lags more and more behind growing global needs, including those caused by the Syrian conflict.

More than four million Syrians have fled their homeland, the bulk living in increasingly difficult conditions in neighbouring countries such as Jordan and Lebanon, while hundreds of thousands have flooded into Europe.

Grandi came to Jordan after a stop in Turkey. Later this week, he is due in Lebanon. He visited the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan after meeting with King Abdullah II in the capital, Amman.

His agency, UNHCR, hopes to raise money for refugees at a London pledging conference in February, followed by an international gathering in March in Geneva where countries would commit to taking in more refugees.

"I think we need to be much more ambitious" about resettling refugees, Grandi said. "We are talking about large numbers ... in the tens of thousands." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Syrian girl smiles during a visit by UN refugee agency chief Filippo Grandi to a camp in Jordan. RAAD ADAYLEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AFGHANISTAN

Four nations aim at talks with Taliban

Representatives from four countries gathered in Kabul on Monday and called on the Taliban to resume peace talks with the Afghan government.

Senior officials from Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the United States met for most of the day at the Presidential Palace amid tight security, a week after a first round of discussions in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad.

In a joint statement released by the Afghan Foreign Ministry, they said the talks "made progress on a roadmap toward initiating peace talks with Taliban groups. It said they hope to bring the two sides together for talks "aimed at reduction of violence and establishing lasting peace in Afghanistan and the region."

The four-nation group "called on all Taliban groups to enter into early talks with the Afghan government," and agreed to meet again in Islamabad on Feb. 6. The insurgents are not represented at the talks.

An official close to the process said that another two "preparatory" meetings are expected to take place.

"There are different opinions about the methodologies and approaches in resuming these talks," the official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists.

The roadmap would include "who do they want to talk to, on what timetable, what incentives are to be offered, and what kind of action will be taken with those people who want to talk and those who do not want to talk," the official said.

> **The first step is to formulate a roadmap.**
> Abdul Hakim Mujahid

The meetings are part of a three-step process, said Abdul Hakim Mujahid of Kabul's High Peace Council, tasked with ending the war. Mujahid also served in the Taliban's 1996-2001 administration.

"The first step is to formulate a roadmap, the second is to invite the armed opposition to the negotiating table and the last step is the implementation of the peace plan," Mujahid said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Refugee's suicide probed

The Dutch government launched an investigation Monday into the death of an Iraqi man who took his own life in an asylum-seekers' centre.

The probe comes amid unconfirmed claims by an activist group that the man who died Saturday was a 30-year-old Iraqi who wanted to return home to care for his family, but was frustrated at the length of time it was taking to get his passport back from immigration officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Propaganda war continues

North Korea has launched an estimated 1 million propaganda leaflets by balloon into South Korea amid increased tension between the rivals following the North's recent nuclear test, Seoul officials said Monday.

A Cold War-style standoff has flared since North Korea's claim on Jan. 6 that it tested a hydrogen bomb. South Korea resumed blasting anti-North propaganda broadcasts and K-pop songs from border loudspeakers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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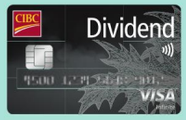

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SURVEY

Millennials clueless on how to use RRSPs

Nearly a third of young Canadians admit they are "not at all knowledgeable" about retirement savings plans, according to a survey done for TD Bank.

The report also suggested that a large proportion of those aged 18 to 33 are uninformed about what registered retirement savings plans can and cannot be used for.

Only half knew that money in an RRSP could be used to help buy their first home, while just 28 per cent knew it could be used to help further their education later in life under the lifelong learning plan.

The survey also found that 64 per cent were unaware that RRSP savings could not be used to make a charitable donation and 60 per cent mistakenly believed that they could be used to pay childcare expenses.

"The interesting thing with millennials is they do prioritize retirement as important … but often don't know how to get started," said Linda MacKay, at TD Canada Trust.

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IN BRIEF

BMO first to launch robo-adviser service

The Bank of Montreal has launched an online portfolio manager — the first of the big five banks to wade into the "robo-adviser" business. SmartFolio, is available to all investors starting Monday.

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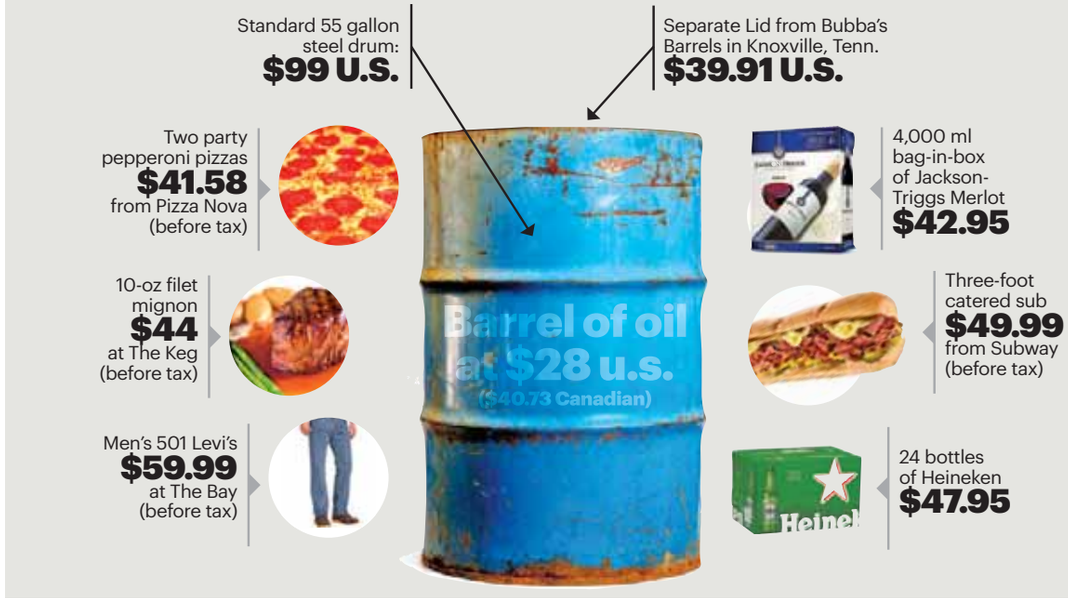
BY THE NUMBERS | Things that cost more than a $28 US (about $40.76) barrel of crude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Jeans and beer now cost more than oil

ENERGY

Crude at near 12-year low on fears Iran will open floodgate

Just how cheap is oil these days?

Not only does a standard steel drum barrel cost more than three times the 42 gallons of crude that could go in it, the actual lid now costs more, too.

"Yeah, that's interesting — and cute too," said Avery Shenfeld, chief economist at CIBC World Markets, with a chuckle.

In fact lots of everyday items, from pizza to Levi's to a two-four cost more than 'black gold' these days, thanks to the tanking Brent crude price, which dipped below $28 US a barrel in London Monday.

Oil traded near 12-year lows after the lifting of international sanctions on Iran paved the way for increased supply amid a global glut, Bloomberg News reports.

Iran is beginning efforts to boost output and exports by 500,000 barrels a day now that restrictions have ended, Amir Hossein Zamaninia, deputy oil minister for commerce and international affairs, said Sunday.

"Clearly, what is happening is that markets are continuing to be quite anxious about the possibility that we will see Iran bring back quite a bit of oil," said Bart Melek, the head of commodity strategy at TD Securities in Toronto. "This probably is a little quicker than people thought."

Iran, which was OPEC's second-biggest producer before sanctions were intensified in 2012, is trying to regain its lost market share and doesn't intend to pressure prices, officials from its petroleum ministry and national oil company said this month.

Shenfeld said that prices for raw materials are much more volatile than manufactured items, so when a commodity plunges the way oil has over the last year, the effect is far more pronounced. It's lost 21 per cent of its value this month alone.

> **Markets are continuing to be quite anxious … that we will see Iran bring back quite a bit of oil.**
> Bart Melek

"Oil has fallen a long way, so it makes sense" that it can now be compared to restaurant food and clothing, he said.

The veteran economist noted the price per barrel of crude was roughly comparable to everyday items in the '80s, too.

(The steel drum that is frequently seen to depict an oil barrel is actually a 55-gallon container, but it's not what is used to transport and deliver oil. Most is transported by pipeline or tanker. Today, a barrel of oil is simply a measurement — not a description of a container.)

Meanwhile, gold is rebounding this year as China's economic slowdown triggered global market turmoil and sparked demand for haven assets. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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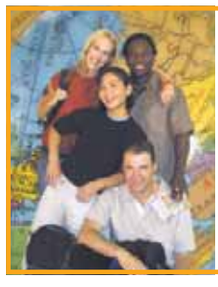

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THE BIG THING: THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Davos. Just the word evokes images of the world's biggest bigwigs, meeting on top of a secluded Swiss mountain, discussing the future of the world economy and comparing the sizes of their enormous piles of money. But the World Economic Forum is much more than that — and this year, Canada will be front and centre at the global gathering. It begins Wednesday.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The World Economic Forum is an annual meeting of more than 40 heads of state and 2,500 business leaders and other movers and shakers — some of the richest and most influential people on earth.

It's often referred to as "Davos," the name of the small resort community where it's held.

Canada is making a point to have a strong showing at the conference in hopes of creating economic opportunities for the country.

The anti-capitalist protests and controversies that once surrounded Davos have eased.

The theme this year is about how digital technology is transforming every aspect of life — what some have termed the "Fourth Industrial Revolution."

Revolution redux
Attendees (Davos is invite-only, of course) have each been sent a copy of The Fourth Industrial Revolution by Klaus Schwab, the founder of the World Economic Forum. In his view, the first industrial revolution was the birth of water and steam power, the second was mass production and mass media and the third was the digital revolution. And in the fourth — the one we're in now — technology is being fused into almost everything in the physical, digital and biological worlds. How will the global economy react when "smart factories" replace jobs and vehicles start driving us to work? That's what world leaders and business giants are putting their heads together about. SOURCE: DON TAPSCOTT/ SPECIAL TO TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Calming down about capitalism
Massive crowds of anti-globalization protesters were once as common a sight at Davos as conservatively cut suits. In the 1990s and early 2000s, hundreds of thousands of people marched in Switzerland and cities around the world to draw attention to the social and environmental costs of the global free market. In 2003, fuelled in part by anger about the escalating Iraq war, demonstrations descended into riots in the Swiss city of Bern. In recent years the crowds have dwindled to a few hundred — and they aren't allowed anywhere near the conference.

THE BIG NUMBER

5

That's the number of cabinet ministers who will accompany Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to Davos this year. This move is seen by many as a way to showcase Canada's economy to the rest of the world at a time when one of its most lucrative industries — oil — is taking a nosedive steeper than any alpine peak.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Porn's lost its power to shock. That could save some money.

The ubiquity of online pornography has spawned an ironic turn of events.

To explain, take the case of the Barriere & District Chamber of Commerce, which found its website had become a porn hub earlier this month.

The chamber, set in a tourism and alfalfa-growing town of less than 2,000 in B.C.'s southern interior, had let the domain name barrierechamber.com lapse. It was then snapped up by Al Perkins, an apparent domain-name scalper who lives on an island off the coast of Normandy and looks for lapsed domains to exploit. He leased the domain to PornoLaba and asked for a reported $9,700 from the chamber to get it back ("It's just pure business," he told the National Post). Otherwise, it would be all gagging, fantasy and college porn, all the time.

But the chamber, after a rejected $500 counter-offer, did not die of shame. It just started another website.

So did White Rock realtor Jacqollyne Tomsin, when she found that her website had turned into a home page for "Rude Space – the adults playground." According to a Peace Arch News report in 2013, Tomsin wouldn't give Perkins the $1,000 he requested.

What this says to me is that Internet-pranksterdom and graphic online porn are now so common, we expect home buyers in White Rock or businesses in Barriere to understand if they click a link and up pops a spanking fetish.

"Ah, just some more unwanted online pornography clickbait," they'll say.

According to estimates from the researchers behind A Billion Wicked Thoughts, a book about online sexuality and neuroscience, porn accounts for about four per cent of websites and 13 per cent of web searches.

And while buying up lapsed domains is a legitimate business, the strong-arm porn tactics for selling domains back to their original owners are looking increasingly weak.

Not only is porn's power to shock diminishing, it's also losing its aura as an untouchable force on the internet.

In a first in Canada, Manitobans can now sue people who distribute nude photos of them online against their will, under new legislation targeting child pornography and revenge porn that took effect yesterday. Many U.S. states also have revenge porn laws. The rest of the country would do well to follow suit.

There's no need to feel held hostage by an opportunist with erotic tastes, and there's no reason to deny victims exploited via porno sites their due justice. Porn might be ubiquitous, but we're not helpless.

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EXERCISE

Use a staircase to loosen up those hips

Learn how to make peace with your pelvis using a do-it-anywhere exercise called the Hippy Hangout. This movement multi-tasker is as efficient as it is effective. It liberates your hip flexors on one side, while bolstering the outer hip muscles on the other side.

1. Holding onto a wall or railing for support, stand sideways on a flight of stairs with one foot on a tread and the other foot dangling in space.

2. Taking care to level your hips, imagine your dangling leg attaches to your body just underneath the bottom ribs, rather than at the hip. Relax the leg and let it hang heavy.

3. Begin to passively sway the leg without using any real muscular effort. The movement should be slow and pendulous as if you were wearing a clog made of gold.

4. Hang out with gravity for 30 seconds, or until the outer hip of the standing leg fatigues.

5. Step down and feel the difference between your legs as you take a few exploratory steps.

6. Repeat on the other side.

Use the Hippy Hangout to improve pelvis stability, eradicate hip and low back pain and access your happy place.

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Stretch your yoga practice into daily life

ON THE GO

Work your core

This is a "tune-up" exercise to strengthen your core that you can do anywhere, even on public transit.

1. Sit or stand with good posture.

2. Inhale deeply to swell belly and chest. Retain the breath inside.

3. Against the resistance of the held breath, engage and pack in your core muscles to hug your spine from every possible angle. It'll feel like a blood pressure cuff tightening around your torso. If you feel your chest, belly, waist and low back with your hands, the tissues will be taut below the soft stuff at the surface. Fake a cough to engage the muscles further. This is your Totally Tubular Core.

4. Without releasing the awareness or muscular engagement, exhale and continue to breathe normally. Find the balance between full breaths and the cylindrical cushioning and support offered your spine.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

A heartbreaking, poetic farewell

THE SHOW: Truly, Madly, Deeply (YouTube)
THE MOMENT: The poem scene

Jamie (Alan Rickman) died, but his widow Nina (Juliet Stevenson) mourned him so abjectly that he returned. Gradually he showed her that living with a ghost wasn't living. Now he's saying goodbye.

"How's your Spanish?" he asks her. "There's a poem I want you to translate." He begins to recite Pablo Neruda's The Dead Woman. She translates aloud.

"Forgive me, if you are not living," she says. Recognition dawns in her eyes: "I know this poem," she says.

He keeps reciting, she keeps translating. "If you, beloved, my love, if you have died/All the leaves will fall in my breast/My feet will want to march to where you are sleeping." Here she interjects, "Your accent's terrible." She moves to him. "My feet will want to march to where you are sleeping," she repeats, her eyes locked on his. "But I shall go on living."

"Do you want me to go?" he asks. "No!" she cries. "Never, never." They embrace.

After Rickman died last week, I called up this scene from his 1990 film, one of the most achingly romantic goodbyes in moviedom. Only someone as clever — and probably British — as the late writer/director Anthony Minghella could base a throat-tightening farewell around poem translation (leavening it perfectly with that accent crack). And only Rickman, with his delicious languor and panther-purr voice, could pull it off so swoonily.

Contained emotion was a Rickman specialty, but here he lets it spill over, giving us permission to weep with him. And for him.

Rest in peace.

Alan Rickman delivered one of the most aching goodbyes in cinema. CONTRIBUTED

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RESEARCH

Heart attacks deadly for those living on 15th floor or above

The high risks of living in a highrise

Cardiac arrests happen most often at home. Researchers knew that.

What they didn't know, until now, is this: If your home is a highrise, the higher your floor, the lower your chance of survival.

A new study published Monday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal examined five years of health data from the City of Toronto and Peel Regions — selected because of high population density.

Specifically, researchers wanted to see what effect "vertical delay" played on life and death when someone called 911 to report a cardiac arrest.

Can floor level actually determine a person's likelihood of survival?

The short, conclusive and alarming answer is yes.

Researchers examined nearly 8,000 cases of cardiac arrest between 2007 and 2012. Survival was 4.2 per cent for those living on the first or second floor.

They found those who lived between the third and 15th floors had a 2.6 per cent chance of surviving to hospital discharge.

Survival was "negligible" — less than one per cent — for those living on floor 15 or above.

There were 30 residents in the data that went into cardiac arrest on the 25th floor or above.

"They all died," said Dr. Laurie Morrison, a scientist at St. Michael's Hospital and one of the study's authors.

Researchers studied the data to see if there were any particularly "toxic neighbourhoods" where residents were more likely to die of cardiac arrest.

But there were no conclusions to be drawn from geographic or socioeconomic factors.

"It doesn't matter whether you're poor, middle class or high class, it's just the vertical that makes a difference," said Morrison, who is also director of Rescu — a group that studies out-of-hospital emergency health care.

THE NUMBERS

There were 30 residents in the data who went into cardiac arrest on the 25th floor or above. They all died, the study author said.

When first responders arrive at a condo or apartment building, access barriers can delay the amount of time it takes them to reach a patient.

In some cases, the building is inaccessible from the outside or an elevator is unavailable.

Typically, there is no defibrillation device on scene to allow a bystander to help restart the resident's heart before emergency crews arrive.

Survival rates decrease seven to 10 per cent with every one-minute delay to defibrillation.

"As more highrise buildings are built, in response to the demand for affordable condominium and rental properties," the study noted, "the negative impact on community survival may increase."

The study suggests a few interventions that may increase survival rates in highrise buildings.

Fire departments have a universal access key that gives them sole and immediate access to elevators but paramedics do not.

Expanding this access to paramedics, who may be first on scene, should be an easy fix, researchers say.

"Availability of a universal key seems like a simple intervention but it has remained unaddressed for decades," the study reported.

The study also calls on landlords, property management companies and condo boards to consider purchasing automated external defibrillators for their buildings and training staff in their use.

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"As more highrise buildings are built, in response to the demand for affordable condominium and rental properties, the negative impact on community survival may increase

Quote from the Canadian Medical Association Journal article

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MAKING A MURDERER

Doc makers talk trial by media

The filmmakers behind Netflix's Making a Murderer say they expected a backlash that would lead people in the media to demonize Steven Avery, the Wisconsin man whose prosecution in the 2005 death of a woman formed the centerpiece of the 10-part series.

Laura Ricciardi and Moira Demos, at a news conference on Sunday, sought to deflect discussion on the question of Avery's guilt or innocence and instead pointed to questions raised about the criminal justice system in their film.

Making a Murderer has followed the NPR podcast Serial and HBO's The Jinx as a compellingly told true crime epic, leading many people who have seen it to take up the cause of Avery, who served 18 years in prison following a wrongful conviction of rape and two years after his release was charged in the death of photographer Teresa Halbach. The documentary questions whether Avery was treated fairly.

Yet prosecutors — who the filmmakers say declined their request to participate in Making a Murderer — have claimed the film omits physical evidence against Avery. A former fiancee of Avery's, Jodi Stachowski, told HLN this week that Avery was "a monster" who had threatened to kill her.

"The media are demonizing this man in order to prove his guilt," Ricciardi said.

They said, however, that they expected a strong reaction. Although they said they were filmmakers, not prosecutors, they said they tried their best to reflect all of the facts in the case. Previously, they told Stephen Colbert on CBS' Late Show earlier this month that they believed he was not guilty. Ricciardi said she would not want to be treated by the criminal justice system the way Avery was.

"We did not consider this advocacy journalism in the least," Demos said. "We are not taking sides. We don't have a stake in his character, in his innocence or guilt. That was not the question that we were raising."

She said that "if you watch the series, I think it's clear that the American criminal justice system has some serious problems and that it is urgent that we address them."

Avery has recently filed an appeal of his conviction.

"We are ready to follow if there are significant developments and we are looking at other stories, as well," Demos said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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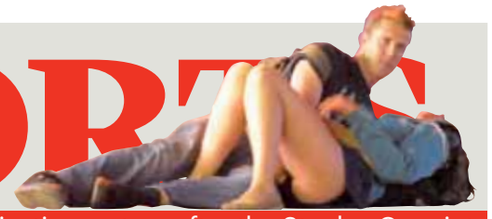


The B.C. government reports a cost of almost $5 million to process hundreds through the justice system after the Stanley Cup riot

NFL

Panthers face ban on trendy gadget

Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera has banned hoverboards from the team's facility, fearing players will get injured.

Rivera says he recently caught a couple players "drag racing" in the hallways of the stadium and wasn't thrilled.

Rivera says, "You see those things on YouTube blowing up and stuff? That is what concerns me more than anything else — something crazy happening."

The Panthers (16-1) host the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday in the NFC championship and the last thing Rivera wants is someone falling off after getting injured. He also says the team has encouraged players not to ride them to work, but says there's little he can control outside of the facility.

"We try to limit their exposure to injury," Rivera said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOP OFFENCE

The Panthers finished the regular season as the highest-scoring team in the NFL, and have scored at least 27 points in 14 of their last 15 games. All-Pro quarterback Cam Newton became the first quarterback in NFL history to throw for 35 touchdown passes and run for 10 TDs.

Federer wants answers amid match-fixing claims

TENNIS

Authorities reportedly suppressed proof of scams

Roger Federer has heard enough speculation about match-fixing in tennis and if players are suspected of corruption, he wants names.

Federer was responding to reports by BBC and BuzzFeed News published Monday that tennis authorities have suppressed evidence of match-fixing and overlooked suspected cases involving players ranked in the top 50, including Grand Slam singles and doubles winners.

The reports said none of these players had faced sanctions and more than half would be playing at this year's Australian Open, which started Monday. The players weren't identified by name.

"I would love to hear names," Federer said after beating Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. "Then at least it's concrete and you can actually debate about it. Was it the player? Was it the support team? Who was it? Was it before? Was it a doubles player, a singles player? Which Slam?"

ATP chairman Chris Kermode appeared at a news conference to reject the assertion that match-fixing had gone unchecked in the sport, saying the Tennis Integrity Unit remained "constantly vigilant and not complacent" when it comes to tackling corruption.

The BBC and BuzzFeed allegations were based on files they reported had been leaked "from inside the sport" showing evidence of suspected match-fixing orchestrated by gambling syndicates in Russia and Italy that had been uncovered during an ATP investigation of a 2007 match in Sopot, Poland, involving suspiciously high levels of betting.

According to the reports, the ATP investigation widened to uncover a network of other players suspected of match-fixing, but officials didn't follow up on the cases. Since then, the reports said, the ATP has repeatedly been warned by bookmakers, foreign police and other investigators about many of the same players, but hasn't taken any action against them.

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic confirmed that members of his support team were approached about throwing a match in Russia in 2007.

"Of course, we (rejected) it right away," he said. "It didn't even get to me — the guy that was trying to talk to me, he didn't even get to me directly. There was nothing out of it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roger Federer won his first-round Australian Open match against Nikoloz Basilashvili in straight sets on Monday. SAEED KHAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

> **So how high up does it go? The higher it goes, the more surprised I would be.**
>
> Roger Federer on reports of match-fixing in tennis

CANUCKS

Bouchard on to 2nd round

A resurgent Eugenie Bouchard continued her injury comeback with a straight sets win in first-round action at the Australian Open.

The 21-year-old from Westmount, Que. dispatched Serbia's Aleksandra Krunic 6-3, 6-4 in just over an hour, hitting 14 winners, along with 14 unforced errors.

On the men's side, Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil was eliminated by Gilles Simon, losing 7-6 (4), 3-6, 2-6, 4-6. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Kane's 7-point week earns first-star nod

Patrick Kane has been named the NHL first star of the week after his seven-point performance helped the surging Chicago Blackhawks extend their winning streak to 11 games.

Kane had four goals and three assists last week, including his first regular-season hat trick in a 4-1 win at Toronto on Friday.

He closed the week by recording one goal and one assist in a 5-2 win over Montreal on Sunday.

The Buffalo, N.Y., native leads the League in goals (29), assists (40) and points (69).

Patrick Kane GETTY IMAGES

Calgary Flames centre Sam Bennett is the second star after scoring six goals in three games.

Los Angeles Kings centre Anze Kopitar had two goals and five assists in three games to claim third-star honours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Gordon inks five-year deal with Marlins

National League batting champion Dee Gordon signed a $50-million, five-year contract Monday with the Miami Marlins.

Gordon led the NL in batting (.333), hits (205) and stolen bases (58) last season, his first in Miami.

"I instantly loved the way they treated me here," the 27-year-old second baseman said. "Signing an extension was pretty much a no-brainer." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DeRozan on shortlist to make Team USA in Rio

DeMar DeRozan is a step closer to making his Olympic debut.

The star Toronto Raptors guard was among 30 players selected Monday as finalists for the U.S. basketball team that will attempt to win a third straight gold medal in Rio de Janeiro.

DeRozan joins an elite group including LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Stephen Curry, who is also in line for his first Olympic berth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Avalanche, Soderberg keep Jets grounded

Carl Soderberg scored a goal and added an assist as the Colorado Avalanche defeated the Winnipeg Jets 2-1 on Monday.

Jarome Iginla also scored his 13th goal of the season and Semyon Varlamov made 36 saves for Colorado (23-21-3).

Joel Armia scored his second NHL career goal for Winnipeg (21-22-3) and Connor Hellebuyck stopped 31 of the 33 shots he faced.

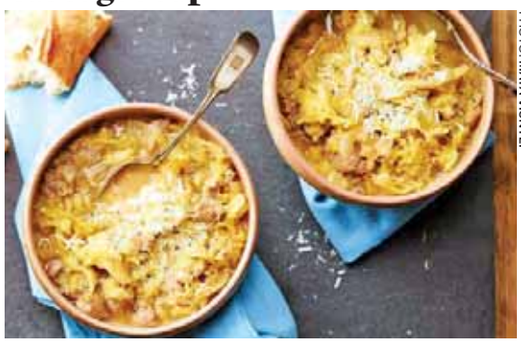
30

Number of games Colorado have scored first this season

The Jets again failed in an attempt to win a third straight game this season.

Playing the first game in a season-high six-game homestand, the Jets were without injured forwards Adam Lowry, Mark Scheifele and Drew Stafford. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE White Bean and Sausage Cabbage Soup



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This hearty soup tastes like it took hours to simmer away even though it comes together in half an hour.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 links of Italian sausage, sliced into bite-sized pieces
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 savoy or green cabbage (about 4 or 5 cups), sliced very thinly
- 15 oz can cannellini beans
- 1 litre low-sodium chicken stock
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- Pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Directions
1. Pour olive oil into a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the sausages to the pot and allow them to brown all over. Remove from the pot and set aside on a clean plate.
2. Add onions and garlic to the pot and cook them just until they begin to soften. Toss in the cabbage and stir it around for a couple of minutes.
3. Add the beans, stock, bay leaves and thyme. Return the sausage to the pot and allow everything to come to a simmer. Cook for 20 minutes and check seasoning.
4. Serve with a sprinkling of Parmesan.

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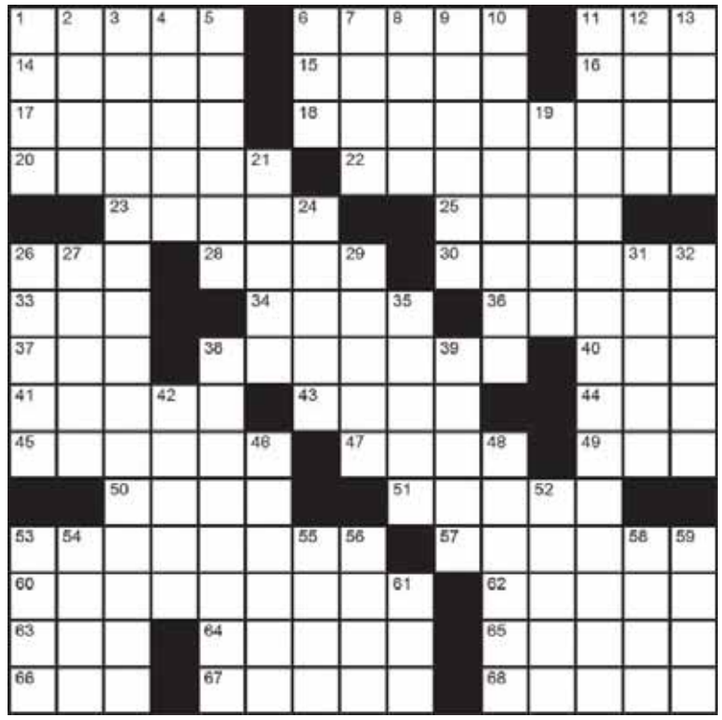
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Desert 'trees'
6. Wheel-steadying wedge
11. Clamour
14. Oak ornament
15. Gawk
16. Singleton
17. Update a route
18. Director of "Rose-Marie" (1936) in which Nelson Eddy plays a Mountie, _._. _ _ (b.1889 - d.1943)
20. Atomic Number 68
22. Country route: 2 wds.
23. Prefix with 'continental'
25. Skrillex/Diplo/Justin Bieber: "Where _ _ Now"
26. She-bird
28. Unappealing food
30. "A-_, A-Tasket"
33. Hour: Italian
34. Jail money
36. Belonging to Sicily's volcano
37. Scoundrel
38. Gulf of St. Lawrence explorer Mr. Cartier
40. Lab eggs
41. R.E.M. singer Michael
43. Sweeties
44. Esthero's "_ _ in Need of a Musical Revolution"
45. James _ (Scotty's Canadian portrayer on "Star Trek")
47. Prefix meaning 'Outer'
49. #22-Across' answer has 2
50. El _ (Warm ocean current)
51. Journalist Seymour
53. It lets you know who phoned without picking up the phone: 2 wds.
57. Based on the 1884 novel by Helen Hunt Jackson, this 1910 short stars Canadian actress Mary Pickford in the title role
60. _-_ house
62. Ancient water nymph
63. Tape a TV show [abbr.]
64. Archaeological finds in Egypt
65. Cemetery excavation
66. 'S' in NYSE, shortened
67. Internet message
68. TV awards

DOWN
1. Maintenance
2. Top-notcher
3. Gym-goer's item for keeping gear secure: 2 wds.
4. Railroad sight
5. Enters data
6. Compass dir.
7. After mil. combat affliction
8. Mr. Shankar
9. Mount _ (Biblical peak for Noah)
10. Aristocracies
11. When responding to the officer... Card a celebrity might play to avoid a traffic ticket: 6 wds.
12. Jimmy Durante song: "_ Dinka Doo"
13. Require
19. Clothed, archaically
21. Peach _ (Type of dessert)
24. Big bug, briefly
26. _ _'oeuvre
27. Lyre-playing Muse
29. Stir, as curiosity
31. Having a roof overhang
32. Crowned heads, once
35. Sandwich time
38. Ms. MacDonald (Leading lady in #18-Across)
39. Compound in perfume
42. Mr. Collins'
46. We can't book you in, inn-style: 2 wds.
48. Grapefruit's pal
52. Feigned flattery
53. Midpoints [abbr.]
54. Use _ _ cloth... (Cleaning instruction)
55. "_ la Douce" (1963)
56. Ms. Mazar
58. Sailors service
59. Fruity drinks
61. Fashionable monogram

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
No matter how ambitious and active you may be there are only 24 hours in a day and if you want to do more in one direction in the future you will have to do less in another.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a good time to make plans — and promise yourself that this time you will succeed. If you know what you want and believe in yourself there is precious little you cannot accomplish.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Do something positive. Cosmic activity will raise your spirits and make you believe that anything is possible. But while the planets may set the scene, it's up to you to play the part.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will find it easy to make the kind of difficult decisions that most people prefer to avoid. But you possess not just the ability to identify a problem but also the strength do something about it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Take other people's opinions into account. If you make a genuine effort to cooperate, rather than to compete as you usually do, there is no telling how far you can go.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have to be sensible about what you do and how you do it. Focus on the two or three things that mean the most to you and put everything else on hold for a while.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart tomorrow. You'll accomplish more if you have a clear goal. Aim to do what others say cannot be done.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The longer you leave what has to be done the harder it will be to summon up the energy to get started. Also, pay attention to what partners and loved ones try to tell you today. Don't be too proud to act on their advice.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your luck will take a turn for the better, not least because your attitude is becoming more positive. If you enjoy meeting new people you will be in your element.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Over the past few weeks you've had a lot of ideas and started many new projects, but if you want to be successful you must focus your energies in a single direction.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The next few days mark not just the start of a new solar year for you but also the beginning of a major new phase. Forget everything that has gone before. The only thing that matters is what comes next.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If there is something you need to finish then get it done today, because when the Sun changes signs tomorrow your mind will be onto other things.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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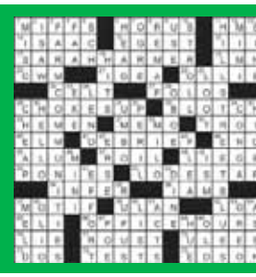

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